

I pay for satellite radio service. It is my choice not to listen to commercial radio. If it were not for XM, I would never turn my radio on at all. The idea that an industry that has managed to ostracize itself from my listening world can use its deep pockets to influence what I pay for reeks of influence peddling. I find the weather and traffic service provided by XM to be a wonderful benefit: It provides needed info well before I would normally be in the range of commercial transmissions. If commercial radio had been willing to provide this service rather than insist on innundating the listening world with 20+ minutes of commercials every hour, XM would have not had a void to fill. I resent that in these days of de-regulation members of congress seek to regulate competition. This really stinks of influence peddling. I hope that congress will for once listen to their constituents rather than the deep pockets of special interests.